



# City of Santa Fe Springs

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April 26, 2010

Mr. Jeff Barker  
California High Speed Rail Authority  
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Sacramento, CA. 95814

Subject: Los Angeles to Anaheim High Speed Rail Segment  
Property Impacts Information and Other Information Requests

Dear Mr. Barker:

In the past month, there has been significant progress on a collaborative effort working with the cities to review the design for this segment. Meetings have been held with all the cities to examine the details, with more meetings to come the next couple of months to review the current plans in even more detail. We appreciate the Authority's assistance with this effort. The cities are receiving a lot of information and we are reviewing this and will continue to collaborate with the Authority and your consultants.

Each city is in the process of sending you additional letters outlining their initial issues and concerns that are being raised at these meetings (without committing to the current design). There are a large number of issues and concerns within each city. However, there are two related major issues which affect the cities: property impacts and resulting economic impacts. Some cities will be more impacted by this than others; but these impacts are common to us all. We understand that property impact information and analyses are available for all the various designs that have been done to date for this segment. We are requesting that that information and analyses be shared with each city as soon as possible. We understand the "confidentiality" of that information and will treat it accordingly, including the appropriate exercise of attorney/client privilege.

The cities are showing their willingness to work with your consultants in this new collaborative approach on the design for HSR. However, without the knowledge of the cumulative property impacts resulting from these designs (not just evaluating one property at a time), we cannot fully evaluate the designs being shown to us. This property impact information is needed now in order for us to continue with the upcoming reviews of the more detailed designs and plans and make them productive. We believe this is such an important issue that it needs to be resolved now – in a manner agreeable to both parties – so this collaborative effort can continue.

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We would be willing to discuss with you (with your lawyers and our lawyers as needed) a "mechanism" to share this impacted property information for the various designs. We remain confident that this can be resolved so our collaborative effort can continue as quickly as it moving presently.

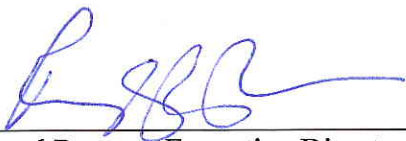
We are also requesting that traffic circulation studies and parking studies be supplied as soon as possible. Given the project's accelerated time schedule under ARRA, and its impact on the established traffic patterns and vehicle trips throughout the corridor cities, we are also asking to review the project construction schedule and the Project Construction Traffic Mitigation Plan. We do not believe this is "confidential" information and can be provided as soon as it is available and request that.

Finally, another design issue that is of interest to all the cities is a tunnel option. We understand that there may have been studies that examined this as an option but these have not been presented to us. Therefore, we would request that a "tunneling" option be included in the EIR/EIS and developed and reviewed with our cities.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and a prompt response to maintain the momentum for this project. Along those lines, we would acknowledge the Authority's extension for publication of the Draft EIR/EIS until the first of the year as that will give us time to perform this necessary collaboration and wanted to thank the authority for that.

To indicate our collective concern about the issues addressed in this letter, please note that it has been signed by all eight (8) cities. We look forward to your response.

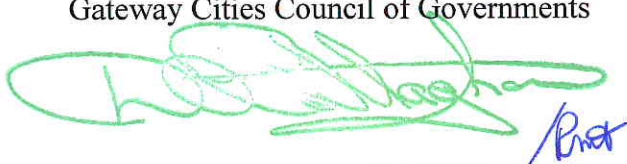
Sincerely,



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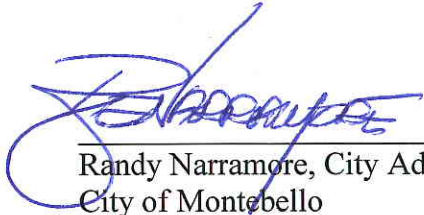


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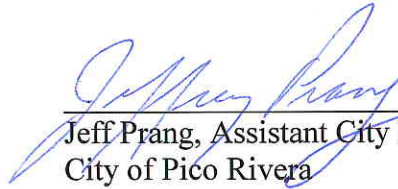


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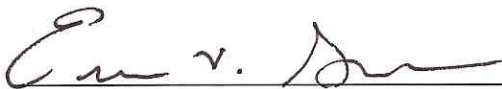
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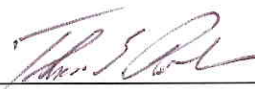
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